IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE of Applicant Art Group Unit: 1772 Examiner: Chevalier, Alicia Ann Tadahiro Ohmi et al. Serial No.: 09/889,269 Attorney Docket No.: FUK-84 Filing Date: July 13, 2001 Title: METAL MATERIAL HAVING Confirmation No.: 2418 FORMED THEREON CHROMIUM OXIDE PASSIVE FILM AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND PARTS CONTACTING WITH FLUID AND SYSTEM FOR SUPPLYING FLUID AND **EXHAUSTING GAS**

SUBMISSION TO ACCOMPANY FILING OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

MS: RCE Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated February 9, 2004, with a timely Notice of Appeal having been filed on August 9, 2004, having a due date of October 9, 2004 for filing the appeal brief (no appeal brief hereby being filed), which has been extended by five (5) months by the contemporaneously filed Petition for Extension of Time, now having a due date of March 9, 2005, Applicant hereby submits the following in support of the RCE filed concurrently herewith:

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claim are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.